

WOULD FORCE OIL MEN TO PAY RECORDING FEE

Oklahoma Democratic Politicians Tying Millstones About Necks.

ARE ALREADY TAXED ON EVERY PRETENSE

Campbell Russell Would Throw Burden of State Upon Producers.

(By J. A. McKEEVER.)

NOT satisfied with making the oil producer pay a 3-per cent gross production tax with the threat of a still higher one hanging over their heads and making the oil man pay an income tax and other taxes too innumerable to mention, Oklahoma politicians, headed by Campbell Russell and other prominent Democrats, are now seeking to make the producer pay an outrageous tax under the guise of a "recording fee" on all oil and gas leases. This proposed law provides for a recording fee of \$1 per acre on all oil and gas leases and will be initiated right after the primary election, according to the recent program.

The Oklahoma oil producers are rapidly becoming the football of designing tax "experts" and scheming Democratic politicians and unless the situation is materially bettered before long, the capital needed to develop the greatest natural resource of this state will be forced to seek refuge in other localities.

Today the producers are not only handicapped by lack of pipe line facilities—getting only 60 per cent of their oil run, but are in danger of being heavily fined, going to jail and having their property placed in the hands of a receiver and operated by the state.

Tax May Be Increased.

In addition they are now paying a gross production tax of 3 per cent with the possibility of this being increased to 5 per cent or even higher by Campbell Russell and his Democratic political backers. But worst of all they are facing the payment of a recording fee of \$1 per acre for all oil and gas leases. This last scheme was hatched in the brain of Campbell Russell and he is being backed on this proposition by some of the prominent Democrats of the state, who see another chance of making the oil men contribute to the larger portion of the expense of running the government in Oklahoma and incidentally enriching the pockets of the politicians and leeches who are getting fat from money paid as a contribution under the guise of taxation, by the oil men of the state.

Even the courts seem in the combine to gouge the men who are producing the oil in Oklahoma. In the famous case of Brown versus Wilson, involving the surrender clause, the supreme court has in substance informed the oil operator that he must drill wells if he desires to hold leases.

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CHILD LABOR BILL EXCITES A RUMPUS

President's Pet Measure Leaks in During the Naval Debate.

WASHINGTON, July 21.—The child labor bill which President Wilson is urging for passage before adjournment of congress got into the naval bill debate in the senate today when Senator Hardwick of Georgia charged that it evidently was the purpose of the Republicans of the senate to play party politics with this great measure. He called attention to Republican Leader Gallinger's statement that Republican senators were eager for its early passage.

"I had no such purpose," Senator Gallinger declared. "I made the statement because the people of the country want the bill passed."

Senator Hardwick declared the measure was unconstitutional and recalled that Senator Gallinger had said so last February. Mr. Gallinger replied he still had doubts about its constitutionality, but was willing to vote for it and leave the question to the courts.

Much Mind Changing.

"There has been a great deal of change of mind about the constitutionality of this bill," Senator Borah, Republican, said. "The leader of the Georgia senator's own party has changed his mind on that."

WHY DID MAN SHOOT OFFICER AND WIFE?

Mystery Surrounds Double Killing by Harry J. Spannell at Alpine, Texas.

ALPINE, Texas, July 21.—Mystery surrounds the motive of Harry J. Spannell, manager of a local hotel, for shooting and killing his wife and later, Col. M. C. Butler of the Sixth United States cavalry while the three were motoring yesterday evening. According to an announcement from the county attorney tonight, Spannell, who surrendered himself immediately after the shooting, refused to discuss his case, and a thorough investigation disclosed no apparent reason for the killing.

The shooting caused much excitement because of the prominence of the Spannell family and of Colonel Butler. Spannell, who was held overnight in the county jail, was taken today to another town, the name of which was not revealed, for safe keeping.

An investigation by local authorities disclosed that Spannell was driving his wife and Colonel Butler in his car along the main residential street of the town when suddenly he stepped his engine, turned in his seat, drew an automatic pistol and a revolver, and with the one began shooting Colonel Butler and with the other his wife.

He calmly emptied both firearms into the bodies of the victims, according to witnesses and then, without haste, walked to the courthouse and gave himself up.

PUT BARS BEFORE ABSENTEE VOTERS

State Election Board Will Issue Instructions to County Bodies.

Special to The World.

OKLAHOMA CITY, July 21.—The state election board will issue instructions to the county election boards throughout the state not to allow absentee voters to vote in the primary election. The board will follow strictly the ruling of the attorney-general, rendered several days ago. The absentee voter will be allowed to exercise the privilege at the general election in November, but that is all.

John H. Wright, member of the lower house of the legislature, said today that in his opinion the legislature should amend the law so that the general election in passing the law allowing absentee voters to vote. "The primary election was not mentioned in any of the discussions on the matter," said Mr. Wright. Since the matter was put up to the attorney-general and his opinion given, a number expressing themselves thought it would be unfair to allow the traveling man to vote in the general election and deny them the same privilege at the primary, believing they would have as much interest in who is nominated for the office as they would in voting for the candidates at the primary.

Will Issue Instructions.

But the state election board will issue instructions according to the attorney-general's opinion. If such a law does not meet with the entire satisfaction of those whom it affects it is possible to amend it at the next legislature, and efforts will probably be made to do this. Amending the election laws has been a part of the past several years and it is considered easy to make the changes. The absentee voter law was intended to benefit the traveling man or the business man whose business conditions would compel him to be away from home on election day. It is argued that being allowed to vote in the final election in November would be a sufficient recognition of his interests and that generally he was much interested in who the nominee is.

SAPULPA MAYOR AFTER RED LIGHT

Citizens Fall in Line With Policy of New Official to Clean the City.

Special to The World.

SAPULPA, July 21.—Regardless of the fact that A. K. Boggs was elected mayor over a law-enforcement candidate, the citizens of Sapulpa have fallen in line with his ideas of conducting the administration. Mayor Boggs has already put in force his ideas of cleaning out the rooming houses of the city which heretofore have been questionable by putting through the city commission, without a dissenting vote, an ordinance appointing a rooming-house inspector.

The ordinance is peculiar in that it specifies that if the inspector finds that a rooming house is not being conducted according to the state laws, as well as the city laws that the sign "rooming house" shall be taken down and a red light hung out instead. This is the first time in the history of the state that the city government has passed such an ordinance and it seems to meet with the approval of the citizens. The mayor states that he hopes to eliminate illegal practices in rooming houses by this ordinance. Other city ordinances will be as rigidly enforced.

GEN. SIR SAM HUGHES OFF TO PLATTSBURG

Canadian Minister of Militia Will Visit United States Camp.

OTTAWA, Ont., July 21.—Gen. Sir Sam Hughes, minister of militia, has left here for Plattsburg, N. Y., where he will visit the military camp. Major John B. and two secretaries accompanied the minister.

Te party will proceed to New York and thence to England, where Sir Sam will look over the Canadian forces and visit the front. He expects to return in September.

TANKAGE CRUDE RECOGNIZED BY RESERVE BANKS

Unlimited Financial Aid Opened up to Oil Men of Oklahoma.

MILLIONS CAN BE BORROWED ON OIL

Trustees Will Issue Certificates to Owner of the Liquid.

CRUDE oil in tankage has been recognized by the federal reserve banks of the United States and, beginning today, unlimited financial resources will be opened up to the oil men of Tulsa and vicinity.

This means that in the future oil in tankage will have the same standing in the financial world as cotton or kafir corn in a government warehouse. Heretofore it has been impossible for producers to secure large loans on oil in tankage. The extent of their credit has been limited to the small amounts of capital bankers cared to loan on first mortgages.

A representative of the Exchange National bank left last night for Kansas City to complete arrangements with the federal reserve bank in that city for handling one local oil deal involving close \$1,000,000 and several transactions of a minor nature.

Appoints a Trustee.

Under the recognition given the oil industry by federal reserve officials any person owning oil in tankage may appoint a trustee. The trustee will ascertain the amount of oil in tankage and then issue certificates for the amount the tank or tanks contain. These certificates will be negotiable and money can be obtained on them from the federal reserve bank in Kansas City or elsewhere to almost the full market value of the oil. The loans will be handled through the local national banks, all of which, of course, are branches of the Kansas City reserve bank.

The arrangements to this end were completed yesterday, following an investigation made a few days ago by the attorney for the Kansas City Federal Reserve bank, who came to Tulsa at the request of local national banks. It is understood that one company is now consummating a deal under the terms of this allowance whereby they will purchase 50,000 bbls. of oil tanks of oil from another company.

Far-Reaching Effect.

"The action of the federal reserve bank in recognizing oil in tankage as a tangible asset is a precedent that will be far-reaching in its effect," said a prominent local banker last night. "It means that the oil industry instead of being the wildcat proposition that some persons consider it to be, is a safe, solid and legitimate business, and on exactly the same footing as the broom corn, cotton or grain industries. It is the biggest thing financially speaking that ever happened to Tulsa. The possibilities are unlimited. I would not be at all surprised to see the government issuing oil certificates in a short time. It would not surprise me in the least if they would place gaugers in the field and issue certificates on tankage oil the same as they are now certifying to cotton and other agricultural products that are placed in government warehouses."

The new arrangement oil cannot be removed from a tank on which a trustee has issued certificates until the certificates have been returned to him and he has authorized the removal of the oil.

Dismiss Shakespeare Suit.

CHICAGO, July 21.—The closing chapter of the Bacon-Shakespeare controversy in the courts was entered today when Judge Frederick A. Smith dismissed the suit of Col. G. B. Patten and dissolved the injunction granted him by Judge Tutthill, who decided that the works credited to Shakespeare were in reality written by Bacon.

Ask Wilson for Benefit Day.

WASHINGTON, July 21.—President Wilson was asked to designate a day on which Americans may contribute for the relief of 4,000,000 Lithuanians in the European battle zones, by a resolution passed today in the house.

U. S. ASKS BRITAIN WHY BLACKLIST MADE

STATE DEPARTMENT DIRECTS QUERY TO THE ENGLISH GOVERNMENT.

Eighty-two Firms Censured Under Trading With Enemy Meet to Form Organization.

WASHINGTON, July 21.—Inquiry as to why certain business concerns in the United States have been placed on a blacklist under Great Britain's "trading with the enemy act" were directed to the British government by the state department today through both the British embassy here and Ambassador Page at London.

Information is sought specifically regarding a number of firms, the names of which have not been made public by the department. There is no discussion of principle in the inquiry, that matter being left for attention after the American government is fully informed on the facts.

NEW YORK, July 21.—Representatives of fifty of the 82 firms blacklisted by Great Britain under the trading with the enemy act met here today and formed an organization to fight the action of the British government.

Although the meeting lasted three hours the only public statement at its close was that "it was unanimously resolved to designate a committee of five to formulate a plan of action regarding the matter."

It is understood sufficient funds were subscribed for the prosecution of a vigorous campaign. The meeting was held in the rooms of the German-American chamber of commerce, but it was said the chamber has no connection with the organization.

M. K. & T. OFFICERS MARVEL AT TULSA

High Officials of "Katy" Spend Several Hours in the City.

TENDERED BANQUET

Plan Improvements on This Division; Politics Is Discussed.

HIGH officials of the M. K. & T. railroad came to Tulsa yesterday on a "set acquainted" trip, were shown the city from automobiles and last night tendered a banquet at Hotel Tulsa, following which local and visiting speakers spoke of railroad conditions in general and Tulsa in particular.

"We knew that we had been doing an enormous business in Tulsa and vicinity and we had heard much of your city," said General Manager W. E. Williams of the Katy in an address at the banquet, "but the progress and activity we have noted in our tour of the city this afternoon is a positive revelation."

Two-Cent Fare.

The political demagogue came in for a thorough searching at the hands of the speakers. The visiting officials went into the details of the railroad situation in this country. They asserted that there had been too much regulation without government ownership of railroads in Europe. He said that his road could not operate in Oklahoma at 2 cents a mile passenger fare and make money.

Speaking of the union station agitation in Tulsa, Mr. St. George declared that it costs the Katy \$1.50 per car for all passengers handled through that station on their lines to pay the terminal expenses. The average haul in Missouri is sixty miles, and at 2 cents a mile, the prevailing rate, they have a lead loss valuing rate, they have a lead loss valuing rate.

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ANGLO-FRENCH FALTER BEFORE GERMAN FIRE

Attack by British at Fromelles Dispersed With 2,000 Killed.

ATTACKS AT SOMME PROVE FRUITLESS

Russians Driving Austro-Germans Toward Northern Galicia.

BERLIN, July 21.—(Via London, 10:20 p. m.)—An attack by British forces against the Germans at Fromelles, north of La Bassée, on Wednesday, resulted in the loss by the attackers of more than two thousand men killed and nearly five hundred taken prisoner according to a statement given out by the war office today.

The statement admits that the German line along a front of about three kilometers (two miles) south of Fromelles was broken from its first trenches into its second trenches, and trenches in the rear. Enemy forces, the statement says, penetrated into the German salient at the wood of Vermandouillers.

Establish Fronts.

The statement reads: "An attack by the English in the region at Fromelles on Wednesday was executed, we have established, by two strong divisions. The brave Italian division before whose front the attack took place, counted on the ground in front of them more than two thousand prisoners killed, and brought in 451 prisoners, including 16 officers and 16 machine guns."

Admit Retreat.

"The result for the enemy is that the first line of the German division along a front of about three kilometers south of Hardecourt was pressed back from its foremost trenches into the next trenches lying eight hundred meters behind and the enemy divisions penetrated into the salient of the little woods of Vermandouillers."

On the entire breaking front the onslaughts broke to pieces against the death-defying loyalty of our troops, with extraordinary losses for the enemy. Up to the present 17 officers and 1,200 men have been captured.

"On the remainder of the front there is nothing special to report. The artillery and mine-throwing activities were such an organization. He has not said when he will be ready to receive applications, but probably not until sufficient men have been found to fill the state's quota for service for the present border patrol."

Russians Advance.

Floods on the Dniester preventing any further advance into Galicia from the north and east for the time being, the Russians are driving in the Austro-Germans toward the northern Galicia border below Vladimir-Volynsk. Both Berlin and Vienna admit the retreat of the Russian advance. General von Linsingen's forces from the region of the confluence of the Stry and Lupa rivers to Berestechko, north of Brody.

Protruded asserts the retirement of the Austro-Germans was the result of an impetuous attack, in which more than 1,600 prisoners were taken. Berlin and Vienna may the withdrawal was made in the expectation of an enveloping movement.

In addition to capturing Gynskhaneh, forty miles northwest of Balut, the Russians in Turkish Armenia are advancing in other sectors. Artillery fighting appears to occupy the oncoming forces on the Austro front generally. Rome, however, reports the capture of further trenches on Monte Maio.

SPAIN REVOKES ITS MARTIAL LAW

Military Censorship of Military Dispatches, However, Remains in Force.

MADRID, July 21.—(Via Paris, 7:15 p. m.)—The government today revoked its declaration of martial law. The military censorship of press dispatches, however, remains in force in order to prevent the publication of a comment on the European war.

Martial law was proclaimed throughout Spain July 13 on account of the strike of railway employees. The employees agreed to submit their grievances to arbitration.

Arrest Disturbers.

DOUGLAS, Ariz., July 21.—Upon receiving reports today that the population of Cananea participated in riots coincident with the return of American employees of the Cananea Consolidated Copper company, from the border, General Calles, military commander of Sonora, issued orders that every disturber be arrested. Mexican authorities pointed out that the operation of American industries in Sonora is necessary to economic welfare of the state.

FARMER'S WIFE FOULY KILLED

Negro Arrested After Woman's Body Is Found Mutilated in Cornfield.

DALLAS, Texas, July 21.—The body of Mrs. J. J. Hoops, 30, wife of a farmer living near Lancaster, Texas, was found late today in a cornfield near her home, three miles south of Lancaster, Dallas county. Bruises on the body indicated she had been beaten to death. A negro, who has been arrested on suspicion of murder and lodged in the county jail here.

Mrs. Hoops had been missing several hours when her body was discovered. She was last seen alive by relative in the Hoops garden early today. After several hours' absence, a search was instituted and the woman's body found in a cornfield near her home. An attempt of "roasting ears" was clutched in the arms of the dead woman when the body was found. Bloodhounds have been sent to the scene of the murder. No motive for the crime is known.

The negro in jail here declares his innocence.

Forty Killed in Storm.

MEXICO CITY, July 21.—Forty persons, including a number of soldiers and women, were killed during a very severe lightning and rain storm in the suburbs of Mexico City yesterday. Most of the deaths occurred at San Gregorio, Atlapulco and near Xocimilco.

MORE RECRUITS SOUGHT IN STATE

War Department Will Take Hand in Organizing Men for Service.

Special to The World.

OKLAHOMA CITY, July 21.—Work of recruiting men for service on the border for which Oklahoma guardsmen were accepted will be begun in Oklahoma within the next few days, when men detailed from the federal war department will be stationed at different points in the state. Adjutant General Earp will also begin the organization of other units of the guard and all will be subject to the same examination as that required when the guardsmen were mustered into the United States army service.

More than three hundred of the Oklahoma guardsmen were rejected in the physical examination by the mustering-in officer. These men were sent back home. At present they are the same as entirely discharged from the service. Should they apply again for enlistment in the guard they must pass the same examination as that imposed by the federal service. If they cannot meet it they may be accepted for the physical defect on the former occasion was temporary and they can overcome it and pass the requirements of course would be accepted in the reorganized guard.

Adjutant General Earp wants to organize an artillery squad, one or two troops of cavalry and an engineer corps. He believes there are plenty of good men in the state who would join such an organization. He has not said when he will be ready to receive applications, but probably not until sufficient men have been found to fill the state's quota for service for the present border patrol.

TWO MORE DAYS LEFT TO DO GOOD TURN

Thirty-five newsmen are scheduled to leave Tulsa at 3 o'clock Monday morning for Camp Tule Wagon, where they will enjoy the outing of their lives at the expense of Tulsa's open-hearted folks. There are only two more days for you to get in the band wagon and to give some "kid" some real unadulterated joy at the price of a new shirt. It costs \$7.50 to give a boy a vacation and to give him a new shirt. He is looking for more. If you know an office boy or a "newey" who you know to be deserving, send his name today to Mr. Fenstermacher and he will reward him with a new shirt.

Those who have contributed should know just whom they are sending in order to see how far their money goes into the heart of a youngster when expended in the right way. One man is sending two of his favorite cad-dies from the Country club. Another is sending A. H. Gregg, the oldest newsboy in Tulsa. Gregg is 56 years old and is paralyzed. His station is at the corner of Second and Main streets. Tum Durham, a newsboy, volunteered yesterday to take care of Gregg on the trip. Someone will have to pay Durham's expenses. Will you care for this boy who will ton down the pleasure of his trip by taking care of an old sick man?

Those who contributed yesterday are:

Previous contributions	\$265.50
Ray S. Ellows	7.50
St. G. Gubser	7.50
Frank Tack	7.50
Floyd and Morris Bradford	7.50
Mrs. Albert Brown	1.50
Harry C. Campbell	7.50
M. Hughes	7.50
Newsies	7.50
Total which will send	\$536.50

SENATE PASSES PREPARENESS NAVAL PROGRAM

An Unprecedented Building Measure Goes Through 69 to 8.

APPROPRIATION IS FOR \$315,825,943

Calls for 4 Battleship, 4 Cruisers and 58 Other Craft.

WASHINGTON, July 21.—The naval appropriation bill, with a three-year building program including the immediate construction of four dreadnoughts, four great battle cruisers and 58 other craft, passed the senate late today by a vote of 69 to 8. It carries \$315,825,943, or \$4,857,588 more than the total as the measure passed the house. Many proposals to curtail the enormous building increases written into the measure by the senate naval committee were defeated overwhelmingly and as soon as final passage was announced, the senate voted to insist on its amendments and send the bill at once to conference.

House Will Fight.

The house is expected to insist upon its building program and a long struggle is in prospect before an agreement is reached. Two Democrats, Senators Thomas and Vandamm, and six Republicans, Senators Clapp, Curtis, Gronna, La Follette, Norris and Weeks, voted against the bill which has had the support of leaders of both parties during the week of debate that preceded passage.

A seven hour speech by Senator La Follette against the measure and a clash between Senators Reed and Oliver over the proposal to print as a public document the Bethlehem Steel company's arguments against a government armor plant, delayed the final vote. The Bethlehem's arguments were ordered printed by unanimous consent during Senator Reed's absence from the senate chamber. On his return he vainly sought reconciliation, charging that Senator Oliver, as an owner of steel stock, had voted money into his own pocket by supporting the proposal.

Senators Tillman, Swanson and Lodge were appointed managers of the bill. The house conference will be chosen Tuesday and daily sessions probably will be held thereafter by the conference committee. Construction of 157 vessels, including 16 capital fighting ships, within three years, at an estimated cost of \$588,180,579, is contemplated in the senate program, the largest ever proposed in congress. Of the total appropriations in the bill, \$116,726,166 is for the first year's building expenditures.

House Bill Small.

As it passed the house the measure made no provision for a continuing building program and authorized only 72 ships, including five battle cruisers and no dreadnoughts.

Administration leaders regard it as practically certain that in the conference between the two houses at

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CAR COMPANY TO SPEND \$50,000

Local System Announces Faster Service and Better Cars Soon.

WITH the completion of two blocks of double tracking on South Main street, Mr. McGrath, superintendent of the Tulsa Street railway, announced yesterday approximately \$50,000 worth of improvements and extensions to be made on their system in Tulsa.

The immediate result of part of the program, including the double tracking just completed, will be the inauguration of an eight-minute service on the Main street line.

The work on South Main makes two tracks from Eleventh to Thirtieth streets, affording a switch which will eliminate the need of waiting cars. The construction has been made with unusual care and as a result the new tracks are up to the standard of the rest of the Main street line.

The construction gangs will now be thrown on the north end of the line, which is on North Cheyenne. A single car siding will be made at Cheyenne and Easton streets and the line will be extended two blocks farther. This extension is in response to the building up of that district.

Gain Two Minutes.

When these two pieces of work are completed which probably will be about the middle of next month, the time card of the Main street line will be changed from ten minutes to eight minutes.

After that time the Fifth street line, which now stops at the car barn, will be continued south on Lawton street for two blocks and from that corner, following the old road, to the Arkansas river bridge. It is probable that this line may be used by the new Sapulpa-Tulsa line.

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